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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 0232

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SUBJECT: PNG RELATIONS WITH PEKING AND TAIPEI

REF: A. PORT MORESBY 192; B. PORT MORESBY 231

1. SIAGURA, ACTING SECRETARY, DFRT, TOLD ME AT LUNCH MARCH 13 THAT ESSENTIAL MESSAGE KIKI GOT IN PEKING (REF A) "NO SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS UNTIL RECOGNITION."

2. HE SAID THIS ATTITUDE CREATED PROBLEMS FOR PNG RE TAIWAN. HE PURSUED THE SUBJECT OF TAIWAN OBLIQUELY AND CAUTIOUSLY, DISCUSSING THE INCREASINGLY ACUTE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL FISHING IN PNG WATERS BY TAIWANESE VESSELS (REF B).

3. AS NEITHER PNG NOR AUSTRALIA NOR NEW ZEALAND HAS REPRESENTATION IN TAIWAN, SIAGURA WONDERED IF THE USG COULD MAKE THE TAIWANESE GOVERNMENT AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES THEIR FISHING TRWLERS ARE CREATING. I SAID I WOULD EXPLORE THE MATTER.

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4. COMMENT: SIAGURA WAS CAUTIOUS IN WHAT HE SAID, BUT

PROBLEMS WITH TAIWANESE FISHING VESSELS SEEM TO BE PUSHING
GPNG TOWARD RECOGNITION OF PEKING. USG DISCUSSIONS WITH
CHINATS, WHETHER EFFECTIVE OR NOT, WOULD CREATE GOOD WILL
FOR US HERE.

5. PLS ADVISE WHETHER DEPT WILL ASK EMBASSY TAIPEI TO
DISCUSS THIS WITH TAIWAN GOVERNMENT. IF MORE INFORMATION
NEEDED WE CAN OBTAIN.
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